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MEMORANDUM

TO: **Mayor and Members of the City Council**

FROM: **Patrick G. Davidson, City Administrator**

RE: **General Information**

DATE: **April 24, 2020**

The following meetings are scheduled for the week of **April 25 – May 1, 2020**

Tuesday, April 28th

6:00 p.m. Budget Workshop #1

- Capital Improvement Project Review
- Review May 5th Agenda
- Executive Session
- **Teleconference Meeting**
- **Meeting can be viewed on GPA Channel 192 or live streaming at gillettewy.gov/gpa**

1. Attached please find **Mayor Carter-King's Statement for All-Inclusive Park and ECSC Multipurpose Fields** given at the **City Council Meeting** on **April 21, 2020**.

2. Attached please find a **news release** regarding **Wyoming Food Bank of the Rockies Announces $52,000 in Funding for Their Local Partners** dated **April 20, 2020** provided by the **Wyoming Food Bank of the Rockies**.

3. Attached please find a **news release** regarding **Covid-19 Updates** dated **April 22, 2020** provided by **Wyoming Workforce Services**.

4. Attached please find a **press release** regarding **Wyoming Self-Response to the 2020 Census Soars Past 40 Percent** dated **April 22, 2020** provided by the **United States Census Bureau**.

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	Work Session **Tuesday, April 28, 2020** **Teleconference Meeting** **6:00 p.m.**
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Agenda topics:

- Budget Workshop #1
  - Capital Improvement Project Review
- Review May 5th Agenda
- Executive Session

Upcoming Work Session Topics:

May 12 – BUDGET WORKSHOP #2 – 5:30 pm (2nd Floor Community Room)

- Review May 19th Agenda
- Executive Session

May 13 – BUDGET WORKSHOP #3 – 5:30 pm (2nd Floor Community Room)

- Executive Session

May 26 - Canceled

June 9 (3rd Floor Conference Room)

- Review June 16th Agenda
- Executive Session

June 23 – Canceled

June 30 (3rd Floor Conference Room)

- Review July 7th Agenda
- Executive Session

City/County/Town Meeting

Upcoming Council Pre-Meeting Topics

May 5 - Canceled

May 19 - Canceled

June 2

- Review June 2nd Agenda
- Executive Session

June 16

- Review June 16th Agenda
- Executive Session

Upcoming Activities

May 14 – Candidate Filing Period Opens
May 29 – Candidate Filing Period Closes

Agenda Items for May 5, 2020

1. An Ordinance to Amend the District Zoning Map of the City of Gillette, Wyoming, for Lot E9, Block 9, Keeline Addition Subdivision, City of Gillette, Wyoming, from R-2, Single and Two-Family Residential District to C-1, General Commercial District, Subject to All Planning Requirements. (Planning Commission Vote: 4/0)

   (Consent Agenda – Ordinance 3rd Reading)

2. An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 3, Section 3-1 of the Gillette City Code to Expand the Definition of "Intoxication".

   (Unfinished Business – Ordinance 3rd Reading)

3. **ITEM POSTPONED UNTIL MAY 19, 2020:** An Ordinance of the City of Gillette Amending Chapter Fourteen to Include a New Section Titled "Games of Skill" and Providing for an Effective Date.

   (Unfinished Business – Ordinance 3rd Reading)

4. Council Consideration of a Resolution to Amend Resolution No. 2356 Regarding the Methodology to Guide the Evaluation of Budget Requests from Outside Agencies and Social Service Agencies, and Establishing a Sunset Provision to the Same.

   (New Business – Minute Action)

5. Council Consideration of a Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Final Plat Known as Resubdivision, Tract A, Eischeid Subdivision, to the City of Gillette, Wyoming, Subject to all Planning Requirements.

   (New Business – Minute Action)

Mayor Carter-King's Statement for All-Inclusive Park and ECSC Multipurpose Fields

Tonight, the Gillette City Council agreed to move forward with the All-Inclusive Park at the Energy Capital Sports Complex. This was a very difficult decision for us to make. We have been working on these plans for some time now and we agree that moving forward with these plans is the best long-term course of action for our community. We received favorable bids, so there will be cost savings from the engineers' estimates. And it will put people to work which is what we need right now.

We know that people are hurting now. Even before the COVID-19 virus reared its ugly head, our extractive industries were suffering the effects of changes in the global economy. Some say that it's time for us to slow down or stop improving our community. We hear that every time there is an economic slowdown in our local economy. If we stopped progressing because things slow down or they might slow down, we wouldn't get anything done and that just isn't the Gillette way. We have always moved forward and got the job done. There was a time when the Energy Capital of the Nation didn't have electricity. What did we do? We started our own electrical utility. Over 100 years later, we have one of the most reliable power systems in the nation. There was a time when we didn't have adequate roads and sewer systems. What did we do? We asked our citizens to enact a Penny Power tax to fund those projects and make them happen. There was a time when Gillette didn't have a sustainable water source. What did we do? We found a way to bring in water from over 40 miles away to make sure that we had water. And now, we've done it twice.

Now here we are today. We see the world moving away from the energy sources that the Powder River Basin has provided for many, many years. We are at the mercy of the wild fluctuations in global energy markets. So what are we doing about it? We are investing in our future. We are working with Federal, State, and local agencies, both public and private to fund and support research to find other uses for the abundant resources we have in our region. We are witness to the seeds of that effort at Dry Fork Station with the Integrated Test Center. The

University of Wyoming School of Energy Resources continues to work with the US Department of Energy on new and innovative ways to use our resources. As those ideas come to fruition, we will be ready to be the leaders in the research and manufacture of advanced carbon products, future industries that will complement the current industry partners that we have today.

But what will we need to attract those people with the ideas to come here? Along with our infrastructure and location near vast natural resources, it will be the amenities we can offer them and their families. The all-inclusive park will make a wonderful addition to our city. It will truly be accessible for all residents, regardless of their physical or cognitive abilities. The multi-purpose fields under construction are already in-demand as Gillette and Campbell County will be hosting High School State Soccer. The softball fields will also host the High School State Tournament in the near future now that softball has been recognized by the Wyoming High School Activities Association as a sanctioned sport.

These projects will not only benefit our residents today but they will prove to everyone else that we continue to move lead the way – that this is a family-friendly, business-friendly and research-friendly, progressive community. It always has been and it always will be.

Angela Williams <angelaw@gillettewy.gov>

Fwd: Wyoming Food Bank of the Rockies Announces $52,000 in Funding for their Local Partners

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WYOMING FOOD BANK OF THE ROCKIES

A branch of Food Bank of the Rockies, a member of FEEDING AMERICA

For Immediate Release

Wyoming Food Bank of the Rockies Announces $52,000 in Funding for their Local Partners

All Over Wyoming: Wyoming Food Bank of the Rockies (WFBR) is pleased to announce $52,000 direct funding to our partners across the state as part of their COVID-19 response. These funds will be distributed to support the purchase of food as part of Wyoming Food Bank of the Rockies' Fighting Hunger Feeding Hope Program. This is just one of WFBR's efforts designed to get food where it is needed most when it is needed most.

"Increasingly Wyomingites are struggling to get food on their tables. As we work together to nourish those Wyomingites who need it most, I have called on our staff to lean in as never before... to work harder and smarter, and to engage our partners at a deeper level." Shared Tony Woodell, Director of the Wyoming Food Bank of the Rockies. "We are all "leaning in" to provide the food and essentials to communities as they respond in this crisis."

WFBR has witnessed its existing partners requesting more than twice the normal amount of food in order to serve their clients. The need to help fund the purchase of food is part of Wyoming Food Bank of the Rockies' efforts to do everything possible to continue uninterrupted food distributions.

Wyoming Food Bank of the Rockies will be supporting dozens of communities by providing 43 local grants. Every county in the state received funding through one of Wyoming Food Bank of the Rockies' partners/programs. This will help secure 208,000 meals for community members who may not know where they will find their next meal.

"Our team is incredibly passionate about feeding Wyoming families in need," said Richard Plumlee, Operations Manager of Wyoming Food Bank of the Rockies. "Given that food-insecurity exists in every county in our state, these funds will help place essential and nutritious food into the hands of neighbors in need. We're all proud to serve our partners, pantries, soup kitchens and children's programs."

Just as we "lean in" to a strong Wyoming headwind to get where we are going, Wyoming Food Bank of the Rockies is leaning in as never before to combat hunger and feed hope. We are providing food to communities in all 23 counties in the state through our new "drive-through" mobile pantries. In April alone, WFBR will distribute over 4800 food boxes feeding a family of four, this equates to over 406,000 meals. All this is in addition to the work WFBR is doing to support its 180 partners.

Wyoming Food Bank of the Rockies is "leaning in" and collaborating with Jennie Gordon, the First Lady of Wyoming and her Wyoming Hunger Initiative, the State-wide COVID 19 Hunger Task Force, The Department of Homeland Security, VOAD, and many other State, County, and Local officials.

"We cannot do this work without the support of our funders. Many of our past funders are increasing the amount of their gifts and new funders are stepping up to invest in our efforts. Some are creating matching gift challenges," shared Victoria Ziton, Communications/Development Manager for Wyoming Food Bank of the Rockies. "These can be matching opportunities that can be found on our website, along with volunteer opportunities at ***wyomingfoodbank.org***."

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Through a network of 180 partners, Wyoming Food Bank of the Rockies provides more than 23,000 meals each day. Wyoming Food Bank of the Rockies also supports programs that prevent food waste and improve food security among the people we serve; educates the public about the problem of hunger; and advocates for legislation that protects people from going hungry.

WFBR is the only Food Bank in Wyoming. Reliable access to sufficient food is an essential element in building strong and vibrant communities, stable family units, a well-educated workforce, and fosters independent living for the elderly. They are on track to distribute 10.5 million pounds of food – 8.2 million meals – throughout the state in FY 2020.

Individuals, charities, businesses, and government all have a role in ending hunger. Donate. Volunteer. Advocate. Educate. Together we can solve hunger.

If you would like more information or want to schedule an interview,

please contact Victoria Ziton, at vziton@foodbankrockies.org.

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COVID-19 updates for elected officials from the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services

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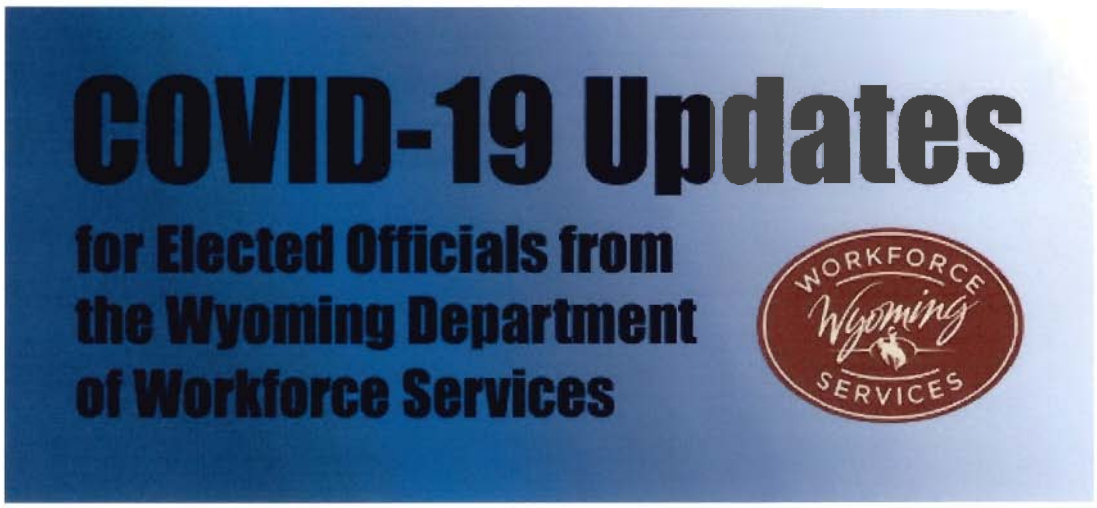

Wednesday, April 22, 2020

Dear Wyoming elected officials,

The Wyoming Department of Workforce Services (DWS) staff have been working diligently to implement the first round of CARES Act funding for Unemployment Insurance claimants. I am pleased to report that the coding was completed by Department staff last week for the first benefit, one of three, called Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC). These payments have been deployed, and provide an additional $600/week to those individuals who are receiving unemployment benefits. Claimants should be seeing these payments in their bank accounts today and tomorrow.

A few key things to know about FPUC:

- This additional $600 per week is being added to unemployment benefits automatically.

In the News

DWS issues CARES payments; additional $600/week will be applied to UI claims next week

4/17/2020 -- The Department of Workforce Services (DWS) has begun issuing Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation to those individuals who are receiving unemployment benefits. This additional $600 per week is being added to unemployment benefits automatically, and qualifying claimants will receive these payments by the middle of next week.

- This is a temporary emergency increase in benefits. These benefits are retroactive to the week of March 29 through April 4, 2020, and extend through July 25, 2020.

- The $600 is paid automatically. Claimants do not need to apply for it.

- Claimants who currently have federal withholding tax taken out of their benefits will see the same 10% reduction in the FPUC payment, resulting in a $540 payment. Child support also will be deducted from the FPUC payment, when applicable.

The DWS UI Division is now coding for the next two CARES Act benefits:

- **Self-employed, contractors or gig economy workers**

The CARES Act also temporarily makes unemployment compensation available to self-employed, independent contractors, gig economy workers, and others not normally eligible for the benefit. The program is referred to as Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA). DWS fully expects that eligible individuals should be able to start applying for PUA benefits by the end of the week of April 27.

- **13-Week Benefit Extension**

The CARES Act provides an additional 13 weeks of unemployment compensation, including for workers who exhaust their regular unemployment benefits. Claimants will be eligible for Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) from the week beginning March 29, 2020, through the end of the year. DWS is awaiting additional federal guidance about the program and will provide an update when information is available.

DWS town hall series begins today

Beginning this week, DWS is hosting a series of virtual town halls to provide additional information about Department programs and unemployment insurance benefits, as well as answer questions from job seekers and employers.

The first town hall, *Virtual Town Hall Series: Resources for Job Seekers*, was held earlier this morning. The town hall

Congress passed the CARES Act at the end of March, and DWS has been working diligently to create a system to administer the funds to Wyoming workers who have lost their jobs due to COVID-19.

See the release here>>

Wyoming Workforce Services launches town hall series

4/17/2020 -- The Wyoming Department of Workforce Services (DWS) will host a series of virtual town halls to provide additional information about Department programs and unemployment insurance benefits, as well as answer questions from job seekers and employers.

See the release here>>

Federal aid to more Wyoming residents coming soon

4/6/2020 -- The Department of Workforce Services (DWS) is readying to update its Unemployment Insurance (UI) system to distribute unemployment funds from the Coronavirus stimulus package to boost jobless benefits.

See the release here >>

Unemployment claimants called back must accept work to remain eligible for benefits

4/16/2020 -- Unemployment claimants called back must accept work, the Department of Workforce Services (DWS)

included an overview of programs DWS offers to jobseekers and an introduction to the unemployment insurance program.

The second town hall, *Virtual Town Hall Series: Resources for Employers*, will be held **Thursday, April 23 at 10 a.m.** The town hall will include an overview of programs DWS offers for employers, including an introduction to the unemployment insurance program.

Those interested in attending the town hall for employers may register at: https://link.zixcentral.com/u/9ca1e8e3/Jk-yPcaE6hG_xFmnYFsSiw?u=https%3A%2F%2Fzoom.us%2Fwebinar%2Fregister%2FWN_ViQzGVYmSuC_iR8PhKPS0Q.

Additional resources for employers, individuals and community members can be found here.

We are in this together,

Robin Sessions Cooley
Director
Wyoming Department of Workforce Services

reminds unemployment claimants. To remain eligible for unemployment benefits, federal law requires that those who have been placed on a temporary layoff related to the COVID-19 pandemic must return to work if called back.

See the release here>>

Wyoming sees spike in unemployment due to COVID-19

4/3/2020 -- The COVID-19 outbreak has had a dramatic effect on every sector of the workforce, and the Department of Workforce Services stands ready to help those impacted.

See the release here >>

Visit the DWS COVID-19 Resources Page at WyomingWorkforce.org/COVID19-Resources

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Good morning!

Below please see the press release distributed by our media specialist, Jennifer Hillmann, to Wyoming media.

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Wednesday, April 22, 2020

Wyoming Self-Response to the 2020 Census Soars Past 40 Percent!

Self-Respond NOW online, by phone or by mail

Cheyenne, WY – Increased awareness about the 2020 Census continues to boost self-response rates throughout the state. **As of Monday, April 20th, 42.2 percent of Wyoming households have now self-responded** either online, by phone or by mail. This represents a 10 percent statewide increase since April 1st, Census Day.

Census results help determine how billions of dollars in federal funding flow into states each year. The 2020 Census will have a direct impact on all Wyoming communities because it helps provide funding for programs that assist children, seniors, families and everyone in between for the next decade. To date, over 75 million households nationwide have responded to the 2020 Census, pushing the national self-response rate to 51 percent.

Top 10 Counties and Cities for 2020 Census Self-Response Rates in Wyoming (As of 4/20/20):

Ranking by County (Wyoming)			Ranking by City (Wyoming)		
1	Laramie, Wyoming	55.4%	1	Buffalo, Wyoming	60.9%
2	Johnson, Wyoming	52.0%	2	Rolling Hills, Wyoming	59.6%
3	Washakie, Wyoming	51.3%	3	Green River, Wyoming	59.4%
4	Albany, Wyoming	51.0%	4	Cheyenne, Wyoming	59.2%
5	Park, Wyoming	49.3%	5	Torrington, Wyoming	57.3%
6	Goshen, Wyoming	48.5%	6	Worland, Wyoming	56.6%
7	Sweetwater, Wyoming	48.3%	7	Kemmerer, Wyoming	56.5%
8	Sheridan, Wyoming	48.0%	8	Sheridan, Wyoming	56.1%
9	Natrona, Wyoming	47.6%	9	Laramie, Wyoming	55.8%
10	Hot Springs, Wyoming	43.7%	10	Lander, Wyoming	55.5%

Use this MAP to track response rates for your local community and the entire state.

It has never been easier to respond to the 2020 Census, whether online, by phone, or by mail - all without having to meet a census taker. We encourage Wyoming residents to self-respond as soon as possible. Go to 2020census.gov or call 1-844-330-2020 and cross it off your TO DO list today.

ABOUT THE 2020 CENSUS

- You can complete the census online, by phone, or by mail. Find out more about each of these methods below:
    - Online Response Guide
    - Phone Response Guide
    - Paper (Mail) Response Guide

- The 2020 Census is important because it will determine how of billions of dollars in federal funding is distributed, and will provide data that will impact Wyoming communities for the next decade.
- Responding to the 2020 Census is safe and secure. Individual responses are confidential and protected by law.
- The Census Bureau is currently taking steps to reactivate field data collection operations after June 1, 2020.

- Later this year, the U.S. Census Bureau plans to send census takers to visit households that have not yet responded to the 2020 Census to help them complete questionnaires.

- **The current deadline to respond to the 2020 Census is October 31, 2020**.

Videos
What is the 2020 Census?
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Video guide to completing the 2020 Census online
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